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| For: SEMICONDUCTOR          | : |                            |
| APPARATUS, SOLID STATE      | ) |                            |
| IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE         | : |                            |
| USING THE SAME, AND         | ) |                            |
| METHOD OF MANUFACTURING:    | : |                            |
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JPA 11-274454, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to English language counterpart European Patent Application EP 0 948 056 A2.

Also, for the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JPA 2001-309243, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to English language counterpart U.S. Patent No. 7,102,677 B2.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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